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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL DAILY COMMENTS ON CAMBODIA SITUATION

1. IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "WAITING EOR THE END" OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR REJOICES OVER IMMINENT FALL OF LON NOL'S "PUPPET REGIME" AND THE COMING RESTORATION OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT AND "DIGNITY" IN CAMBODIA. ARTICLE LARGELY DWELLS ON SINS OF "TRAITORS" WHO OPPRESSED CAMBODIAN PEOPLE IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF NATIONAL INTERESTS. IN ONLY REFERENCE TO US, L'ESSOR MENTIONS "MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO MAINTAIN AT ANY PRICE AN UNPOPULAR AND UNNATURAL REGIME...THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN LIVES SACRIFICED, NOT TO MENTION PLANES, TANKS, ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUNS...TO CRUSH THE RESISTANCE OF A PEOPLE STRUGGLING FOR LIBERTY...AND THE RESULT OF FIVE YEARS OF ABSURD CARNAGE IS DEFEAT, SHAME, FLIGHT."

2. MALI, CONCLUDES THE EDITORIAL, DID NOT AWAIT MILITARY REVERSES TO MAKE KNOWN ITS SOLIDARITY WITH GRUNK FORCES. MALI CAN NOW SALUTE THE "BRILLANT VICTORY OF A PROUD AND WORTHY PEOPLE, A PEOPLE WHO ARE OUR ALLIES AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE GREAT FAMILY OF THE NON-ALIGNED, THE GREAT FAMILY OF THE THIRD WORLD WHICH WISHES TO ASSURE ITSELF A PROPER PLACE IN THE SUNLIGHT OF HUMAN LIBERTY AND DIGNITY".

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3. COMMENT, THE EDITORIAL APPEARED ALONGSIDE A

LENGTHY BUT OBJECTIVELY WITTEN ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE
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